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Title: Need to give remunerative prices to farmers in Punjab.

*DR. RATTAN SINGH AJNALA (KHADOOR SAHIB) : Hon'ble Madam Speaker, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on the important subject of farmers. The farmers have recently suffered losses and the issue at stake is how to compensate them. The farmers are the backbone of our country. Over 65% people are dependent on farming. However, injustice has been meted out to farmers ever since we attained independence. Especially sir, the Congress party has always harmed the interests of the farmers. Out of 65 years, the Congress party has ruled the country for about 50 years. Hence, they cannot absolve themselves of this responsibility.

Sir, several commissions have recommended that the farmers must be given remunerative Minimum Support Price (MSP) so that they can recover the input cost of farming. However, the Central Government has failed to act on this issue. The MSP being given is a pittance. Only Rs.3600/- is being provided by the Government as compensation. However, the input cost of a farmer is Rs.42,000/- per acre. It is a cruel joke being played on the farmers. The Central Government led by the Congress party does not know anything about the ground-reality.

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* English translation of the Speech originally delivered in Punjabi

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â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप चारों खड़े हो जाते हैं, बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : उनको बोलने दीजिए। उन्हें बोलने के लिए क्या आपकी सहायता चाहिए?

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप भी बैठ जाइए गुलशन जी।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : अजनाला जी, अब समाप्त कीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

SHRI RATTAN SINGH AJNALA : Fertile and cultivable land of the farmers of Punjab is there even beyond the barbed wire fence on the Indo-Pak border. When the UPA Government came to power at the centre in 2004, they made life difficult for these farmers. I am thankful to the Punjab Governmentâ€¦..

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप सब क्यों खड़े हो गये, बैठ जाइए ।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

श्रीमती अन्नू टण्डन (उन्नाव): महोदया, सर्वपल्ली राधाकृष्णन जी की जयन्ती एवं शिक्षक दिवस हमारे देश में एक उत्सव की तरह मनाया जाता है और शिक्षकों का सम्मान करना हमारा धर्म है। अध्यक्ष महोदया, मैं आपको बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद देती हूं कि आपने मुझे आज के दिन बोलने का मौका दिया।...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : आप सभी लोग बैठ जाइए। शिक्षक दिवस पर सुनिए। बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : सभी लोग बैठ जाइए।

श्रीमती अन्नू टण्डन : मैं आज आपके माध्यम से देश के सभी शिक्षकों को अपना सलाम कहती हूं, अपना प्रणाम कहती हूं। ...(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदया : सभी लोग बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)